

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 21, 2012, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Seattle City Hall Room 370

Commissioners Present: Mike Barta, Joshua Caple, Patricia Copeland, Vickie Foster, Laura Gramer, Jonathan Porter, Deborah Witmer

Commissioners Absent: Mark Adreon, Hope Drummond, Gary Stobbe

Guests: Lauren Andre, Tim Shockley, and two members of the public

SOCCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, Michael Chin

Call to Order: 4:35 by Mike Barta

Approval of Minutes: May 2012 approved as read

SOCCR Report: Michael Chin distributed Paid Sick and Safe Time brochures. Fifty people attended fair housing accessibility training (including Vickie Foster).

Announcement: Lauren Andre, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP)

- Disability Employment Symposium, August 6th and 7th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Jackson Federal Building.
- Panels include contractors and individuals with disabilities
- OFCCP hiring goal of 7 percent people with disabilities

Old Business:

- Outreach:
 - "What If" expo in the Northgate Mall: Deborah Witmer, Jonathan Porter, and Donna Platt staffed the

- Commission's table, which was visited by over 200 people. Deborah made a presentation on emergency preparedness for individuals with disabilities.
- Waterfront and Seawall Roundtable forum was attended by approximately fifty people. Mark Adreon moderated the discussion; Patt Copeland, Vickie Foster, and Felicia Yearwood participated. The forum organizers will compile the comments and submit to the Commission. The Commission will then issue a list of recommendations to the City and will continue to monitor as construction progresses.
 - Rebecca Cory made an informative presentation on Universal Design to the staff at SOCR.
 - The Commission will host a picnic in August; Joshua Caple will identify a park; Mike Barta to arrange sound and food; all Commissioners are needed to spread the word.
 - Project Civic Access: Commission Co-Chairs to meet with representatives from the Mayor's office to identify opportunities for input.
 - Commissioner Recruitment: Emerson Sekins has resigned. Felicia Yearwood will schedule interviews.
 - Content Management System: The Commission needs a content management system where issues and events can be tracked; Felicia Yearwood and Mike Barta will follow up.
 - Work Plan Review: Commissioners reviewed progress and identified follow up needed on Education and Outreach sections of the 2012 work plan.

Announcements:

- Saturday, July 14th 1:30 p.m. Seattle Public Library LEAP Presents "Everyone is a Champion" Program on Deaf Olympics and Paralympics with film and live demonstrations. www.spl.org for more information